

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 were rejected. No claims have been amended.

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yokomizo et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,907,835 (hereinafter "Yokomizo"). Claims 6-7 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yokomizo. Yokomizo discloses an electronic filing system that handles files prepared by different application programs by converting each file into a common data format from a print data format.

Applicants respectfully submit that Yokomizo fails to disclose extracting text information from the representation having a modified format generated by the printer driver module for output by a printer, as recited in amended claims 1, 8, and 18. The Examiner, in his rebuttal to the applicants' previous response, states:

Yokomizo further discloses (as cited by Examiner) that the character information is directly extracted from the GDI codes transferred to the driver (col 6, lines 49-53). Obviously, the extraction of character information is from the representation from the printer driver module, not from the original application file since the GDI codes are not the original application file. The GDI codes are converted from the original application file and then transferred to the driver, where said codes are considered as representation of the printer driver module.

(Office Action of 9/15/2003, Page 10)(emphasis as shown in the original).

As stated previously regarding Yokomizo, the representation from which text data is extracted is not created by the printer driver but by a module that precedes the printer driver. As shown by the final sentence of the above quotation, the Examiner agrees. This does not

follow the elements of claims 1, 8 and 18, wherein the printer driver creates the representation used and not some other driver emulating the printer driver. Therefore, the extraction of character information referred to by the Examiner is not from the representation from the printer driver module but from the original application file, however that original application file may be altered.

Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that elements of claims 1, 8, and 18 are neither shown nor suggested by the cited reference. Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 19 depend from and further define claims 1, 8, and 18.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 6-7 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo. As stated above, Yokomizo does not disclose extracting information from the representation, as claimed in claims 6-7, 13-14, and 16-17 through their dependence on claim 1, claim 8 and amended claim 15, respectively.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6-7 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

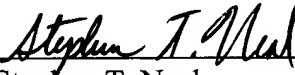
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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